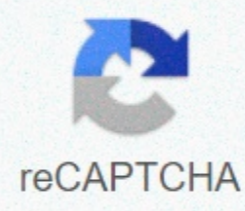




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Once everyone is well exhausted, she recommends going to Phuket for a carefully earned beach time. What Made in Cambodia really looks like a new ethical fashion tour from Abercrombie & Kent gives travelers a look at how textiles are made here in an effort to support fair pay and working conditions. The trip includes visiting local silk and cotton 3ers in Luang Prabang, and a stop at Siem Reap at the Madagascar-born Eric Raisina studio, which has a boutique on Dauphine Street in Paris. You'll need two weeks to do it all, tracing the coast from Saigon to Hanoi. My brother is making his first trip to Southeast Asia this week. You will visit Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. He has lived in Mexico for several years, so he is an experienced expat, but he has never ventured beyond the Western Hemisphere. I want your trip to succeed in every way, so I wrote a list of tips that could help you. I thought they might also help you.... #1: Don't underestimate the jet lag. When you get to Southeast Asia, you'll have flipped about 180 degrees in time, a good 50 degree Fahrenheit temperature, and about 50% (or more) of humidity. It takes about a day to recover from every hour of time change, so you'll feel a little misty for several days. The first two or three days will be the hardest. Don't expect to achieve much on your first day. #2: Try to pick up some local yogurt shortly after you arrive. You'll probably get sick within a week of arriving. It's normal, and it'll happen. It's just that you get used to being exposed to a lot of unknown things. #3: Eating in busy places. Locals know the best restaurants. #4: If you are served an ice drink in a restaurant, it is generally OK to drink it. It's been purified. If they didn't, they wouldn't serve it. Serve. You. Enjoy discovering new foods without worries, as the quality is usually quite good. #5: Watch out for copies. Original Rolex watches and North Face backpacks never cost \$20. If a provider says that a cheap English DVD, book or iPhone is not a copy, but is made in Vietnam (or Thailand or Malaysia, etc.), it is probably a copy. If the photos and maps in the library guide are in faded black and white, it's a copy. #6: Refunds are rarely given at all. Once the money leaves your hands, if only for a moment, it's gone. #7: If you buy something from a cute little old lady saleswoman, give her the exact change. They have a habit of pocketing the money you give them and leaving, suddenly deaf to your cries of Hey! Who wants to get into this with a nice old lady? #8: Never get on a tuk-tuk, taxi or songthaew without agreeing on a price (or meter in the case of a taxi). When possible, first ask a local how much the rate should be, so you know if you're overcharging. When we were in Chiang Mai last month, we negotiated the fare from the train station to the city with a songthaew driver. The price quickly went from 200 to 40 baht because we knew it wasn't far away and the driver realized we knew the city. #9: Never agree to buy anything without knowing the price in advance. #10: Use humor and smiles to turn off disagreements. Arguing won't get you anywhere. #11: Be sure to bring DEET-based mosquito repellent. You don't want to bring a dengue case for a souvenir. #12: Strangers don't want to be your best friend unless they want something from you. This is true throughout Southeast Asia. If a local person seems too friendly or helpful, be polite, but do not accept the help. We were at a pharmacy in Hanoi yesterday, and a helpful stranger insisted on translating for us, which was a tip immediately, as the pharmacist spoke English and we spoke Vietnamese enough to complete the transaction. We were quoted a high price for medication, so we went to a different pharmacy with no useful strangers nearby. We pay less than half the originally quoted price. #13: Never trust a woman who tells you she loves you before learning your name. (This could be good advice anywhere in the world.) #14: Bring toilet paper or paper wherever you go. In addition to being needed in public restrooms, it can also replace a napkin, something that is often not supplied in restaurants. #15: In Thailand, meals are served with a fork and a tablespoon. The spoon holds the food and enters your mouth. The fork is used only to push food over the spoon. It's considered rude to put a fork in Mouth. If in doubt, imitate what other diners are doing and you'll be fine. #16: In Vietnam, food is eaten with chopsticks. The soup comes with and a spoon. Coffee is often served with a small glass of tea (tea is free). However, if you are given a wet wipe in a sealed package or a plate of peanuts, this is usually added to your bill, even though you did not request it. These items are generally very cheap, but if you don't want any extra, just give them to the server and make sure they don't add to your check. #17: Beef means red meat, and chicken means bird. Fish can be anything from anchovies or carp to or cod. Pork means pork. If you really want to know what they're serving you, order pork. Otherwise, you may end up with some kind of red meat that definitely doesn't taste like cow or be served chicken legs that come from a chicken of monstrous proportions (That chicken! that will assure you.) We've been in Southeast Asia for almost 10 years and we take all these things for granted. When you get to this part of the world, you'll have to make adjustments initially, but it's amazing how fast it seems strange at first will seem normal. Wendy Justice Continue Reading: Health Insurance Options While living abroad Kathleen Reviews, I'm always interested in the information you give, but I'd like you to cover Southeast Asia more in depth. I'm more attracted to its culture than South America. Thank you. –Hubert G., United States Fair enough... And no problem! More coverage of Asia is on tap in the next two weeks as we begin preparing for our third annual Retire Overseas conference in San Antonio, Texas, September 4-6. Our Asia correspondents Wendy and David Justice will join us in Texas to represent this region based on their many years of living and spending time in countries in this part of the world, from Vietnam to Thailand, Malaysia and beyond. Continue reading: Is it time to shop in Portugal? Comments This is my third day on the way, writes the intrepid correspondent Paul Terhorst, and so far, Laos seems to be very easy to travel... adventure trip without the hassle. The Chinese, Japanese and others who want to export to Laos have helped build roads, bridges and even buses that make traveling on land comfortable. I am taking advantage of the new infrastructure at ground level, to explore beyond tourist sites. In a city in Laos (Luang Nam Tha), near the Border with China, I entered a Chinese pharmacy and realized that it also appeared to be a streetside clinic. View photos. The clinic had two patients, one of them with an intravenous line smoking a cigarette. I ordered loratadine, a drug widely used for hay fever and other allergies. The assistant to a white smock gave me drug guide. I found loratadine in the English index and went back to the page. Everything else on the page except 'loratadine' was in Chinese, so I handed over the book to the Man. He went to his closets but, in the end, shook his head. I noticed an English sign in a recently finished two-story brick house downtown: 'For rent, \$200 a month.' In a tribal village further south I saw a baseball game that started a New Year's courtship rite. Sixteen-year-old girls, some with short white skirts, others in colorful tribal costumes, heated for the event by throwing a ball back and forth. View photos. Then the boys showed up, red-faced, wearing street clothes and much more insequenced than the girls. The boys and girls formed two lines in front of each other. The balls sailed back and forth, along with jokes and laughter. Soon couples were formed, and the children disappeared in some way. I'm missing details here, but I think the ball game is the lao tribal version of 'Will you be mine?' The game took place in the heart of the village, with mothers, grandmothers and little sisters watching. The girls' mothers were easy to detect, their sharp eyes recorded every detail, raw emotions that took hold through them. The men carried out their normal activities; they barely seemed to notice. The next stop was a small village (Nong Khiaw) in a spectacular setting on the Ou River. View image. I met European adventurers, four boys and two girls, who had bought two wooden boats to row downriver. They thought the downstream trip to Luang Prabang would take five or six days. I asked where they'd sleep. 'We'd like to sleep in guest houses or stays at home, if any. If not, we'll stop at some town and get the boss to let us stay in his hut at night. After the trip they hoped to sell the boats for profit, an important part of the plan, so that they could travel longer. I asked these and other kids that I knew which Southeast Asian country they liked best and which one they liked the least. Vietnam came as the least favorite, while overall they chose Laos as the best country in Southeast Asia. They like the friendly laos and the unspoiled lifestyle, especially in the primitive villages of mountain tribes. The children (and I) met villagers from mountain tribes who have never lived anywhere except bamboo huts in their native villages, who have never seen indoor plumbing or an electric light bulb. Villagers use firewood to cook, because there is no natural gas or electricity. They think rain dances help the monsoons come. The next day, along with his friends Roger and Naree, we rode in the back of a full-truck to Luang Prabang. We sat, crushed together for three hours, on narrow wooden benches. The women on board brought their products to market. Roger, Naree and I were on our way to our next stop, our entire team. At one point, I put my little package on top of one of the women's market bags. The woman protested to Naree, who told me to move my purse. That's right. my purse kept slipping over yours. Finally, we take a closer look at your market exchange. Something was moving inside, something alive. Naree speaks Thai and a little Lao, and she asked what it was. 'One of your own.' It's the best I can get to represent the sound. But we had no idea what his own was. Two days later Roger returned to the guest house after walking through Luang Prabang Market. 'I saw one of my own,' he reported, 'skin and ready to cook, with big teeth of money. Perhaps even the same as the lady had in her market bag. He had also seen rats stacked on the market and civet cats and other wildlife for sale. I guess it was a wood or a groundhog or something similar to the squirrel family. In a temperate climate like in Laos, they would hibernate for only a few months. This was just before hibernation, when they would be at their best. The Lao woman just took advantage. She captured one and left him at the market. Kathleen Peddicord Comments Tags: Best in Southeast Asia

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